

Thursday, 17 April 1975  
1500 hours  
712 Jackson Place

Session with Presidential  
Commission

Cover three topics:

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- Role of CIA in the National Security process.
- Importance of various sources of information to the production of intelligence for national security policy, especially DDO reporting and domestic collection.
- Classification and unclassified reports.

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Primary role of DCI and CIA is to provide those who are responsible for the formulation and implementation of national security policy with authoritative information and assessments about what's going on abroad that they need to do their jobs.

- National Security has come to mean much more than military or even political matters as in the two decades following WWII; it now has a heavy economic emphasis as well.

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Our customers include the President and other members of the NSC and its mechanisms but also includes those concerned with international economic policy--SecTreasury, CEA, CIEP, FEA, FedRes, etc.

- How do we provide them with the information and assessments they need?
  - . Participation in NSC and CIEP mechanisms.
    - :DCI briefs NSC on topics under consideration.
    - :DCI and others participate in discussions of major subgroups of NSC:
      - WSAG: Middle East, Cyprus, and SEA.
      - VP : On SALT and MBFR.
      - USC : Law of the Sea.
- SALT: Status of Soviet weapons deployment and programs, monitoring agreements, and supporting negotiations here and on site.
- MBFR: Same.

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- Middle East negotiations for disengagement; monitoring agreements with U-2 giving to concerned parties.
- Oil negotiations: special papers; backstopping negotiations.
- . Contributions and comments on NSSMs: We were involved in 19 of the 22 NSSMs during the past year.

Topics:		Areas:	
Country policy	8	Far East	7
Military		World	3
Assistance	6	Middle East	3
Economic and		West. Hem.	2
population	3	Europe	2
Nuclear matters	2	Africa	1
		USSR	1

- . Publications on current events and studies in depth--based on all sources of information available.

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:PDB with [REDACTED] supplemented by WHIZZERS.

:NID for Assistant Secretary level and above (and Congress).

:NIB to other customers throughout Government.

:Go to charts for coverage--Charts 1 and 2.

:Go to Chart 1 for coverage of Current Intelligence. We also produce a large number of monographs in the form of Intelligence Memoranda and Reports. These are shown on Chart 2.

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Second topic: Importance of DDO reporting.

- We do a continuous survey of the relative importance of various sources of information as they contribute to our publications.
- Before discussing the results of this survey, let me note a few warnings regarding the statistics I will present:

- . Based on analysts' judgments of how each of some dozen types of sources contributed to current intelligence item or monograph involved.
    - :KEY: of such importance that basic conclusion and findings could not have been reached without that kind of collection.
    - :Supplemental: important to paper but not essential to basic conclusions.
    - :Background:
    - :Not applicable.
    - . Statistic nothing more than frequency counts for which KEY was checked--not weighted with regard to importance to national security or policy formulation.
    - . Not a basis for making resource decisions.
    - . Met test of worthy of publication, only.
    - . Important interrelated factors:
      1. .Nature of publications surveyed.
      2. .Nature of collection programs.
  - [1. includes NIB for current intelligence and only monograph of CIA--not NIEs or product of other agencies.
  - [2. access to targets: denied areas require peripheral collection (e. g. [REDACTED] SIGINT, KH)]
  - Continuity of reporting: KH batch; others flow.
  - Subject matter: political affects over 100 countries; economics, dozens; military, a few.
    - . So sources good for political show high count; those for military relatively low count; economic in between.
  - Cost and risk: use high cost and high risk only when necessary, usually in denied areas or very important subjects.
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Results: As shown in Chart 3, numbers will add to more than 100% because our products draw on all sources bearing on subject under consideration.

--Even with three-part breakdown totals are 127% for current and 145% for monographs.

--Discuss Charts 3, 4, and 5.

--Discuss Charts 6 and 7 regarding human sources with emphasis on clandestine collection.

.Note includes DCD collection as follows:

:DCD strongest on economic and scientific,

.businesses and banks involved in trade, oil, and monetary affairs.

:Strong in Middle East, USSR, and some China.

:Most of its impact is on monographs reflecting research in depth rather than current reporting.

--Clandestine reporting registered here does not include contribution from DDO's SIGINT efforts from:

.Third Parties, Close-in support and Cryptologic assistance, which are very important.

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As a subsidiary question I was asked to comment on the problem of the need for classification of our products and our policy toward issuing unclassified or declassified reports.

--The classification of our product really rests on two issues:

1. The protection of sources and methods so that these sources and methods will continue to yield results.

.This covers both human and technical sources.

.Agents in foreign governments might fear for their lives or might simply be cut off from information.

- . US sources might fear embarrassment and no longer cooperate, in the worst cases their livelihoods might be cut off.
- . Technical sources like SIGINT might be denied by simple changes of procedures or more complex changing of cryptologic equipment.
- 2. Sensitivity of revealing intelligence advice and judgments presented to US policy makers.
  - . Might indicate what US policy is or may become.
  - . Frank statements might affect relations with foreign governments.
  - . In both these cases declassification may be possible after some time; e.g., when US policy has been declared, or after foreign embarrassment no longer exists.

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Our policy is quite clear:

We produce intelligence at the lowest classification possible. Many of our products are issued initially as unclassified. [REDACTED] Directories, FACT BOOK, etc.

- Studies and atlases where information can be separated from sensitive sources.
- . Direct dissem to scholars in the field, participations in academic seminars.